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SUMMARY: IN TRIPARTITE AND BONN GROUP MEETINGS SEPT. 18 AND 19, FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF GDR 25TH ANNIVERSARY WERE DISCUSSED: (1) PARTICIPATION OF ALLIES AND FRG IN GDR EVENTS IN BONN; (2) PARTICIPATION IN EAST BERLIN; (3) POSSIBLE MESSAGES TO GDR; AND (4) CONTINGENCY REGARDING POSSIBLE EAST BERLIN INCORPORATION MOVES. END SUMMARY.

1. EVENTS IN BONN. FRG REP (KASTRUP) SAID THAT FINAL DECISION BY CABINET WAS NOT YET TAKEN BUT IT LIKELY THAT CHIEF OF CHANCELLOR OFFICE SCHUELER WOULD BE SENIOR FRG REP ATTENDING GDR 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNCTIONS
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IN BONN. KASTRUP VOLUNTEERED THAT HE SAW NO REASON

WHY ALLIES SHOULD NOT SIMPLY HANDLE INVITATIONS TO THESE EVENTS IN NORMAL WAY. ALLIED REPS AGREED, INFORMING THAT THREE AMBASSADORS (AND IN FRENCH CASE DCM, POLCOUNS AND BONN GROUP REP) HAD RECEIVED GDR INVITATIONS AND INTENDED TO ACCEPT IN NORMAL COURSE. UK REP (CROMARTIE) ALSO EXPRESSED THOUGHT THAT, ON OTHER HAND, ALLIES SHOULD NOT MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO SEND MORE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES TO EVENTS WHICH MIGHT NORMALLY ONLY WARRANT LOWER-LEVEL PARTICIPATION. AT PRESENT, GDR HAS SENT INVITATIONS FOR NOON RECEPTION AND EVENING PERFORMANCE OF LEIPZIG PHILHARMONIC, BOTH OF WHICH WERE REGARDED AS BEING SUITABLE FOR AMBASSADORIAL ACCEPTANCE. US REP POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND HAS SCHEDULE CONFLICT FOR EVENING EVENT AND WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING CONCERT.

2. PARTICIPATION IN EAST BERLIN. ALL REPS AGREED THAT INVITATIONS TO CIVILIAN FUNCTIONS AND CEREMONIES SHOULD BE TREATED IN NORMAL WAY, BUT THAT EMBASSY REPS SHOULD NOT ATTEND MILITARY TYPE OCCASIONS. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID HE HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT.

3. POSSIBLE MESSAGES TO GDR. FRENCH AND UK REPS NOT SURE WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS DID ON THIS LAST YEAR OR WHAT ANY PLANS MAY BE NOW, AND ARE CHECKING. FEELING OF REPS WAS THAT, IF CUSTOMARY, SUCH MESSAGES COULD BE SENT BUT "25TH ANNIVERSARY" AND "NATIONAL DAY" SHOULD BE AVOIDED. FRG REP FELT PARTICULARLY STRONG ABOUT LATTER PHRASE.

4. CONTINGENCY. AT SEPT. 18 TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION, REPS AGREED TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING, SINCE FORMAL PROCESS OF AMENDING BQD WOULD NEED TOO MUCH TIME, ON BASIS OF PAPER SEPARATE FROM BQD. DRAFT OF SUCH PAPER

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ALREADY PREPARED AND IS UNDER STUDY AND DISCUSSION. REGARDING GDR INTENTIONS, FEELING OF REPS WAS THAT GDR MAY ANNOUNCE AND/OR EFFECT SOME KIND OF CHANGES, BUT PROBABLY WITHOUT BASIC ALTERATION IN ACTUAL PRACTICES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT GDR WOULD NOT WANT TO CREATE PROBLEMS NOW WITH US-GDR RELATIONS IN FORMATIVE STAGE. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, REPS FELT THAT SOVIETS' OWN INTERESTS WOULD WORK AGAINST ANY BASIC CHANGE. US REP SAID WE HAD IMPRESSION SOVIETS HAD WISHED TO APPEAR "CORRECT" IN THEIR HANDLING OF SPECIALIST MEDLEY MATTER. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATER GDR INVOLVEMENT, BUT THERE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN NONE EXCEPT IN INITIAL STAGE AT CHECKPOINT. THIS SUGGESTS SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THEIR RIGHTS IN EAST BERLIN, AND ARE TAKING THE QD AND QUAD PRACTICES RELATIVELY SERIOUSLY.

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5. FRENCH REP NOTED HONECKER'S SPEECH OF JULY 5 REFERRING TO 25TH ANNIVERSARY, IN WHICH HONECKER SAID THAT GDR HAD CONCLUDED SOME ARRANGEMENTS WITH USSR WHICH WOULD BE PUBLISHED ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARY. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS WHICH ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE. END COMMENT.
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